

Spotlight on Union . . .

Union County was named for the old Union Church, which served both the Presbyterian and Episcopal congregations in the area. The church was erected in 1765 near the present day town of Union, the county seat. The upper part of the county later went to form Cherokee County in 1897. The early settlers in this area were mainly Scotch-Irish from Virginia and Pennsylvania, who began immigrating to the South Carolina upcountry in the 1750s. Much fighting took place here during the Revolutionary War, including the battles of Musgrove's Mill (August 18, 1780) and Blackstocks (November 20, 1780). Revolutionary leaders Thomas Brandon (1741-1802) and Joseph McJunkin (1755-1846) were from Union County, as was Confederate general William Henry Wallace (1827-1905). Secession Governor William Henry Gist (1807-1874) made his home at Rose Hill Plantation in Union County, which is now a state park.

Union Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the northwestern area of the state
- Surrounded by Spartanburg, Cherokee, York, Chester, Fairfield, Newberry, and Laurens counties
- This region has an average temperature of 61.7 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 48.0 inches.

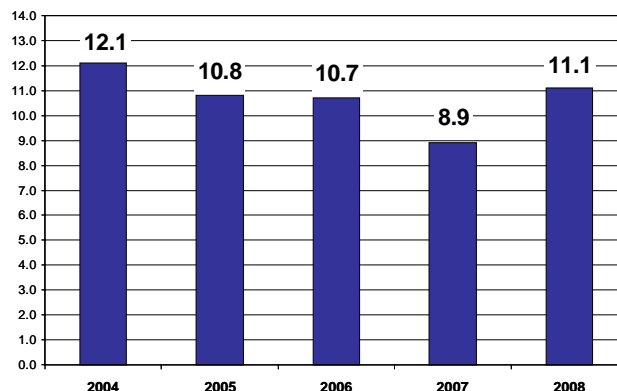
Population

- Was 27,790 in 2007
- Has exceeded estimated growth through 2030
- 2007 data was comprised of 67.5% White, 31.4% African-American, and 1.0% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 199 in 2000 to 267 in 2007, a 34.2% change.

Labor Force

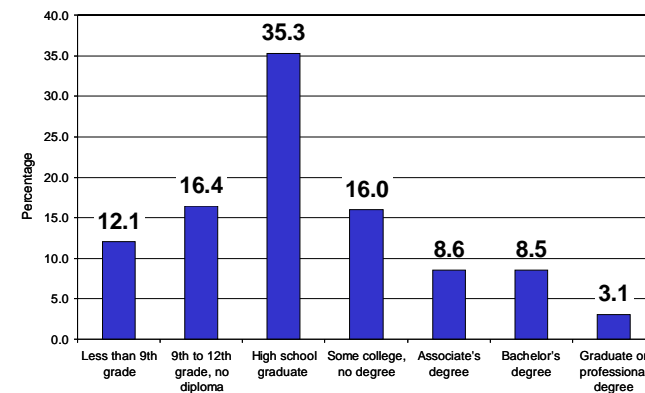
- Increased from 11,680 in 2007 to 11,760 in 2008
- Employment fell from 10,640 in 2007 to 10,460 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 8.9% in 2007 to 11.1% in 2008.

Unemployment Rates for Union County
2004 - 2008



Educational Attainment

Union County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$26,230 for 2007.
- This was 84% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 68% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Union Workforce Center paid \$5,187,778 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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